# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
# COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
# LOK SABHA

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REDUCTION IN SALE OF POSTAL ITEMS
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**Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:**

(a) whether the Postal system is facing challenges due to the growth of Information Technology and courier companies;

(b) if so, whether telegrams, postcards and inland letters which were widely used until a few years ago; and

(c) if so, the details thereof alongwith the volume of decline registered in the sale of telegrams, postcards and inland letters during the last three years?

## Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD)

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) & (c) The number of telegrams booked, postcards and inland letter cards sold during the last three years has shown a decline as per the details given below:-

(In Crores)

| Name of Item | Booked by BSNL | | | Booked/sold by Post Offices | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | 2004-05 | 2005-06 | 2006-07 | 2004-05 | 2005-06 | 2006-07 |
| Telegrams | 1.51 | 1.13 | 0.79 | 0.14 | 0.09 | 0.04 |
| Postcards | | | | 155.69 | 132.53 | 128.45 |
| Inland Letters | | | | 120.29 | 102.49 | 100.13 |